

Hello,

My name is Kelsey Lloyd. I am from New Haven, CT.

I am against bills: [H.B. No. 5417](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE JUSTICE AND SERVICES AND FIREARMS BACKGROUND CHECKS, [H.B. No. 5418](#) (RAISED) AN ACT REVISING JUVENILE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATUTES AND INSURANCE STATUTES CONCERNING THEFT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, [S.B. No. 365](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS, [S.B. No. 16](#) ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME, [S.B. No. 386](#) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY LAWS OF THIS STATE.

Collectively these bills do not properly support children and teens during critical developmental stages in their youth. Based on the data and research, it is clear that early intervention and proper community based support both emotionally and financially will have a more positive impact on their future well-being while involved with the juvenile system. Please prioritize funding for important programs yet to be developed in CT such as a community based program to care for youth with high levels of need.

Solitary confinement is inhumane at any age, but I would assume it to be detrimental to youth being charged as adults, who experience this kind of torture early in life. Children deserve rehabilitation in a safe and appropriate environment focused on their current developmental stage. Even a GPS tracker for at home use is setting a child up for failure if there are extenuating circumstances in which the child must leave the home. Community based services with proper funding and support with the goal of supporting youth in the juvenile system must be prioritized.

It is crucial for the individual's success and future that we do not punish them further by requiring their court appearance be in the town in which the crime was committed, rather than closer to home. An important example is the issue of racial profiling for children of color if the child were to commit a crime in a suburban area. Additionally situations such as needing to reschedule or a parent being required to appear in court with their child not only punishes the child, but their entire family with the current requirements.

Additionally, I am in favor of [S.B. No. 392](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING STATEMENTS MADE BY JUVENILES. Moving the age from 16 to 18 is necessary for the two more full years of development and growth while supporting and protecting higher aged teens.

Thank you to the Judiciary Committee for reading my testimony.  
Please contact me at [lloyd.kelseyb@gmail.com](mailto:lloyd.kelseyb@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Regards,  
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